

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 209

BY SENATORS APPEL, ALARIO, ALLAIN, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Derrell Cohoon on being inducted as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc.

WHEREAS, born on the 4th of July, Derrell Cohoon knew at a young age that he was destined to be involved in American government; and

WHEREAS, he attended Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas, then East Texas State University, and received his bachelor's degree from LSU; and

WHEREAS, Derrell Cohoon began his career with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc. (AGC) in 1972 when he was hired by the AGC Legislative Council, made up of the four existing AGC chapters in the state; and

WHEREAS, his job called for him to monitor and lobby the Louisiana Legislature and he was also tasked with sitting in on the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Construction Industry Legislative Council was organized, which included all four AGC chapters, two ABC chapters, LAPA, and the Homebuilders Association - a true construction industry coalition - for the purpose of advocating like legislation, and Derrell Cohoon was selected to coordinate the efforts of the group; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he was named the Executive Director of AGC of Louisiana, the largest AGC Building Chapter in the state; and

WHEREAS, when AGC of Louisiana and the Highway, Heavy Chapters merged in 1987, Derrell resumed his legislative duties; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Derrell assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer of Louisiana AGC and served in that position until 2007, when he retired from LAGC to become, his true passion, an independent lobbyist, with LAGC becoming his first big client; and

WHEREAS, Derrell Cohoon has been an integral part and leader of AGC for thirty-five years as well as their chief lobbyist for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, under his legislative leadership, AGC has been able to have landmark construction legislation passed, including Right-to-Work, the Workers Compensation Law rewrite, unemployment compensation gains, Public Bid Law changes, creation of the Transportation Trust Fund, lien law revisions, Private Works Act changes, tort reform, and levee board consolidation; and

WHEREAS, Derrell is passionate about Louisiana political history, its people, and state policy and "one of high integrity with extensive knowledge of the political process, legislative procedure, and state procurement,"; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc. inducted Derrell Cohoon as a Lifetime Honorary Member.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Derrell Cohoon on being inducted as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc., does hereby express sincere appreciation for his singular contributions on behalf of the construction industry to the legislative process, and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Derrell Cohoon.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE